

LAYSAN ISLAND

A Recent Visitor Relates His Experiences.

Life is Generally Monotonous. Many Varieties of Birds and Fish.

When one is a child and sees a bird, the usual thing to do is to say, "Get a little salt and put it on the tail of the bird and you can catch him." Of course, the child and the others look at each other and think it is a huge joke. Although this may be the case in most parts of the world, it is not a joke at Laysan Island.

Leaving Honolulu on one of the ships bound for the island, after passing Kauai, Niihau, and Gardner Pinnacles, you reach your destination in about six days, more or less. Bird Island, as seen from the ship, is a barren rock, with two hills more than a half-mile apart. Niihau is a low island, and is more in an oval form, a little larger than Bird Island, but of not so high an elevation. Gardner Pinnacles seem to be just one promontory out of the ocean and about the size of Bird Island.

Laysan Island, situated as it is—lon. 171° W., lat. 25° 47' N.—is a low, long island, two miles by two and a half in width, with the highest altitude 29 feet above the sea. On first approach one sees large flocks of birds, which make a black streak in the air above the island. This is surrounded by reefs. The harbor is on the southwest side. The island itself is only a large bank of sand, with a lagoon in the center. This is some three miles in circumference. There are 16 buildings upon it, including a light-house. There is also a railroad a mile and a quarter long, which is used for carrying guano from the field to the warehouse.

Among the many things of interest which may be mentioned are first, the birds, of which there are millions. Among the sea birds found there are the gulls (white and black), the booby, the man-of-war hawk, the tropic bird, the petrel, five or six species of the tern, the frigate, the albatross and several other varieties.

Among the strange things that may be found on this little spot are the land birds, found in no place on earth except on Laysan Island. They are the whistler or walking bird, such as the Laysan canary, miller bird, red bird, love bird and the Laysan duck. As there are specimens of all the birds at the Bishop Museum, it is needless to describe them here. There have been some 25 different botanical separations made of the few sparse patches of vegetation found on this desert spot. A kind of bunch grass is found all over the island. There are there several brush woods which grow sweet-scented flowers.

They are quite a few turtles to be found on the shore of the island. Along the reef at low tide are numerous holes in which sharks are held. At certain seasons of the year these holes contain as many as 40 sharks piled one on top of the other, like sardines. At Laysan Island there is splendid fishing, and all the fish found in the waters about the other Hawaiian Islands are there in abundance. Among others may be mentioned the blue, diamond fish, etc.

Eggs of any of the birds are edible, and they have more of the fishy taste than one who has never tasted them before would imagine. Eggs of all sizes, from half an inch to eight inches long, and of a thickness from one-quarter to four inches, are abundant. The weather is exceedingly hot at times at the island during the summer months, but the nights are generally cool, owing to the constant trade winds. It is winter, however, the direction of the wind changes somewhat, and it is generally cooler from the north-west, making it exceedingly cold and stormy.

Life on the island is, as may be imagined, dreary and quiet. There is, however, no time to think of such things, as one always keeps at work or at something to keep his mind busy. Life, while there, is regularly itself. Breakfast, work, dinner, work; supper, a short and agreeable chat with one's fellow-workmen; then a little time for reading and then sleep. Sundays there is a little diversion. The workmen generally go out fishing and burning turtles.

This summer the weather was exceptionally fine on the island, with plenty of rain to always replenish the fresh water taken out of the casks. Rain-water is used on the island, as there is no other fresh water.

Manager Max Schlemmer has braved the terrors of the altitude for the last four years, and does not seem to be any the worse for the wear. He is a typical island Governor, of whom we read, as he, in his 37 years of experience on the Hawaiian Islands, has turned his hand to almost every conceivable trade.

See-saws and other curios, outside of birds, are very scarce on the island. The best sight will go to "The Land of Goats" some time in April. Until then, Max Schlemmer and family will be alone with some Japanese, who were left there.

Prof. Dr. Schumann of the Bremen Museum, Germany, spent some two months there last year in scientific research, the result of which will be a book on Laysan Island.

There are no mosquitoes on the island.

A RECENT VISITOR.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

A letter asking M. A. Cheek of the University of California to take the place of assistant secretary of the Y. M. C. A. was sent off on the Alameda Thursday, after a meeting of the committee appointed to consider the matter.

A very exciting game of basket ball was played on Thursday night between two teams. There are to be five or six teams formed, these to constitute a

league. One has already been formed, with William Stone as the captain. A bicycle rack to accommodate 18 wheels will be built soon and placed on the front veranda downstairs. Attention is called to the short talk in the hall Sunday afternoon at the usual time. Subject: "Life—what will you make of it?" Speaker: Arthur B. Wood. Special music will be furnished. Bible class afterwards.

Ocean Currents.

The following "message from the sea" has been received at the Chief Weather Bureau, Brisbane, Australia: "Current—paper set adrift from the steamer Alameda by Clement L. Wragge, en route to Paris, on August 12, 1896, eight miles from Apia, Samoa, found by natives of the Laughaian Islands, between the 1st and 10th of April, 1897, on the north island of the group, British New Guinea."

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

VESSELS IN PORT.

NAVAL.
U. S. Bennington, Nichols, Cruise.
U. S. Gunboat Wheeling, Sebree, San Francisco, October 3.
U. S. Gunboat Yorktown, Commander Stockton, Yokohama, October 16.

MERCHANTMEN.
(This list does not include Coasters.)
Ger. bk. J. C. Pfluger, Haaver, Liverpool, September 27.
Haw. bk. R. P. Rithet, Thompson, San Francisco, October 5.
Am. bk. Colusa, Ewart, Newcastle, October 6.
Am. bk. W. H. Dimond, Nilson, San Francisco, October 10.
Am. sch. Spokane, Jamison, Port Townsend, October 11.
O. S. S. Australia, Houdlette, San Francisco, October 12.
Am. bk. Columbia, Gore, Seattle, Wash., October 14.
Am. bk. C. D. Bryant, Colly, Laysan Island, October 15.
Br. bk. Aethelbert, Garriock, Junin, Chile, October 18.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Vessel: From: Date:
Schr. Jno. G. North, Frisco, Oct. 8
Schr. Spokane, Port Gamble, Oct. 8
Bktn. S. G. Wilder, Frisco, Oct. 14

ARRIVALS.

Friday, October 15.
Am. bk. C. D. Bryant, Colly, from Laysan Island.
Schr. Mauna Loa, Simerson, from Maui and Hawaii ports.
Schr. Kaena, Parker, from Oahu ports.
Schr. Mokoli, Bennett, from Lahaina, Molokai and Lanai.
Saturday, October 16.
U. S. Gunboat Yorktown, Commander Stockton, from Yokohama.
Schr. Noeau, Pederson, from Hawaii.
Sunday, October 17.
Schr. Helene, Freeman, from Maui ports.
Schr. James Makee, Tullet, from Kauai.
Schr. Ke Au Hou, Thompson, from Kauai ports.
Schr. Mikahala, Thompson, from Kauai ports.
Monday, October 18.
Br. bk. Aethelbert, Garriock, from Junin, Chile.

DEPARTURES.

Friday, October 15.
Schr. Kaena, Mosher, for Kahuku and Punaluu.
Br. bk. Kosciuszko, Rodd, for the Sound.
Saturday, October 16.
Am. sch. Lyman D. Foster, Tubbs, for the Sound.
Monday, October 18.
Schr. J. A. Cummins, Searle, for Oahu ports.
Schr. Kaena, Parker, for Wailuku ports.
Schr. James Makee, Tullet, for Kapaa.
Schr. Noeau, Pederson, for Lahaina and Hamakua.

VESSELS LEAVING TODAY.

Schr. Mauna Loa, Simerson, for Maui and Hawaii ports, at 10 a. m.
Schr. Mokoli, Bennett, for Lahaina, Molokai and Lanai, at 5 p. m.
Schr. Mikahala, Haglund, for ports on Kauai at 5 p. m.
Schr. Ke Au Hou, Thompson, for Niihau and Hanalei, at 4 p. m.
Schr. Kilauea Hou, Weir, for Honolulu, Hakalau, Honoumahu, Pihakunani and Pepeekeo, at 4 p. m.
Schr. Helene, Freeman, for Lahaina, Kahului, Hana, Keanae, Hamoa, Hanalei, Kilauea and Pihakunani, at 5 p. m.

PASSENGERS.

Arrivals.
From Maui and Hawaii ports, per schr. Mauna Loa, Oct. 15—E. P. Dole, W. G. Walt, wife and child, Mrs. Wallace Scott, W. W. Bruner, E. Lazarus, Mrs. K. Lazarus, Mrs. McWayne and 53 deck.

From Kauai ports, per schr. Ke Au Hou, October 17—W. A. Kinney, J. C. Aschell and 10 on deck.

From Kauai ports, per schr. Mikahala, October 17—W. H. Rice, Chas. Rice, Mrs. M. S. Rice, Mrs. H. Isenberg, F. Iaukea, Miss Ward, Mrs. K. Ili Lovell, Alice Lovell, C. Schaefer and 48 on deck.

From Maui ports, per schr. Helene, October 17—L. A. Dickey, E. Ross, C. H. Aki, Miss Aki, G. Kaiser, Wm. Campbell, W. K. Hutchinson, A. Enos and wife, Sam Kee and child, R. Gardner, L. M. Vettesen and 37 on deck.

Departures.
For Hamakua, per schr. Noeau, October 15—W. R. Castle, W. A. Kinney, D. H. Case, A. Anderson and J. W. Leonard.

For Kapaa, per schr. James Makee, October 18—Mrs. J. Foster,

WHARF AND WAVE.

The Hawaii is on the marine railway.

The Kinai is due from Maui and Hawaii ports today.

The Yorktown will not get away for San Francisco for a month yet.

The Hawaii is in good trim again, and will sail tomorrow at 4 p. m. for Oahu, Laupahoehoe and Kulaia.

The Noeau took away a large number of the recently arrived Japanese laborers for Hamakua yesterday afternoon.

The British bark Aethelbert, A. Garriock master, arrived in port yesterday, 53 days from Junin, Chile, with a cargo of 1,215 tons of fertilizer for H. Hackfeld & Co. She sailed from Junin on August 21st, and had favorable weather all the way.

The Mauna Loa arrived from Maui and Hawaii ports at 1 p. m. Friday with her usual cargo and the following report of items picked up on the way: Plenty of rain in both the Kau and Hamakua districts; Honokaa stopped grinding; 1200 bags of sugar left in Kukuhaele; Kau cleaned out.

The American bark C. D. Bryant, Colly master, arrived in port yesterday morning, about a week from Laysan Island, with a cargo of guano for H. Hackfeld & Co. She experienced very rough weather while at the island. Messrs. Olberg and Toellner, who have been on the island, have returned to Honolulu.

BORN.

TORBERT.—In this city, October 16, 1897, to the wife of James L. Torbert, a son.

BY AUTHORITY.

SEALED TENDERS.

Finance Department.

October 18, 1897.

Sealed tenders will be received by the Minister of Finance until 12 o'clock noon on MONDAY, November 1, 1897, for the sale of Hawaiian Government Five Percent Bonds, issued under the provisions of Act 71, approved the 13th day of June, 1896, to the amount of \$200,000.

S. M. DAMON,

Minister of Finance.

4742-31 1908-3T

SEALED TENDERS.

Will be received at the office of the Minister of the Interior until 12 o'clock noon of Wednesday, October 27, 1897, for the construction of a road from Hilea towards the Ninole Homesteads. Specifications at the office of the Superintendent of Public Works, and at the Post Office in Hilea.

The Minister does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any bid.
JAMES A. KING,
Minister of the Interior.
Interior Office, October 19, 1897.
4742-1t 1908-2t

PUBLIC LANDS NOTICE.

On Saturday, November 13th, at 12 o'clock noon, at the front entrance of the Judiciary Building, Honolulu, will be sold at Public Auction, two tracts of Government land at Makoleia, Molokai, containing 784 acres each.

Upset price: \$450 for each tract.
Terms: Cash, in U. S. Gold Coin.
For further particulars, plan, etc., apply at office of Public Lands, Honolulu.
J. F. BROWN,
Agent Public Lands.
Dated Honolulu, October 18, 1897.
1908-1d

SEALED TENDERS.

Will be received at the Office of the Minister of the Interior until Monday, November 1st, 1897, at 12 o'clock noon, for the construction of a School House of two rooms at Honoia, North Kona.

Plans and Specifications at the Office of the Superintendent of Public Works; also, at the Post Office, Kailua.
The Minister of the Interior does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any bid.
J. A. KING,
Minister of the Interior.
Interior Office, October 14, 1897.
1907-3t

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS.

The Tax-Payers are hereby notified that the Property Taxes for 1897 are now due and payable to the Deputy Assessors of the several districts, at the times and places mentioned in the notices posted throughout the districts.

Section 29, Act 51, Session Laws, 1896—"If any Property Tax shall remain unpaid after the 15th day of November in any year 10 per cent of the amount of such Taxes shall be added by the Assessor to the amount of such Taxes at said date, and shall become and be collected as part of such Taxes."

All Property Taxes not paid by November 15th will be delinquent.

The Delinquent List will be published after December 1st, 1897.

JONATHAN SHAW,
Assessor, 1st Division, Island of Oahu.
4739-3t 1907-3t

Notice to Ship Captains.

U. S. Branch Hydrographic Office, San Francisco, Cal.

By communicating with the Branch Hydrographic Office in San Francisco, captains of vessels who will co-operate with the Hydrographic Office by recording the meteorological observations suggested by the office, can have forwarded to them at any desired port, and free of expense, the monthly pilot charts of the North Pacific Ocean and the latest information regarding the dangers to navigation in the waters which they frequent.

Mariners are requested to report to the office dangers discovered, or any other information which can be utilized for correcting charts or sailing directions, or in the publication of the pilot charts of the North Pacific.

W. S. HUGHES,

Lieutenant, United States Navy.

METEOROLOGICAL RECORD.

By the Government Survey. Published Every Monday.

DAY.	RAIN.	TEMP.	WIND.	MOON.	SEA.
	8 a.m.	9 a.m.	10 a.m.	11 a.m.	12 m.
Mon.	0.00	73.00	00	00	00
Tues.	0.00	73.00	00	00	00
Wed.	0.00	73.00	00	00	00
Thurs.	0.00	73.00	00	00	00
Frid.	0.00	73.00	00	00	00
Sat.	0.00	73.00	00	00	00
Sun.	0.00	73.00	00	00	00

Barometer corrected for temperature and elevation, but not for gravity.

TIDES, SUN AND MOON.

DAY.	High Tide.	Low Tide.	High Tide.	Low Tide.	High Tide.	Low Tide.
Mon.	11.30	5.30	11.30	5.30	11.30	5.30
Tues.	11.30	5.30	11.30	5.30	11.30	5.30
Wed.	11.30	5.30	11.30	5.30	11.30	5.30
Thurs.	11.30	5.30	11.30	5.30	11.30	5.30
Frid.	11.30	5.30	11.30	5.30	11.30	5.30
Sat.	11.30	5.30	11.30	5.30	11.30	5.30
Sun.	11.30	5.30	11.30	5.30	11.30	5.30

The tides and moon phases are given in standard time. The time of sun rising and setting being given for all ports in the group are in local time, which the respective corrections to standard time applicable to each district should be made.

The standard time whistle sounds at 12 m. 58. midnight, Greenwich time.

which is 10 m. p. m. of Hawaiian Standard time.

MORTGAGEES NOTICE OF INTENTION TO FORECLOSE AND OF SALE.

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of powers of sale contained in those two certain mortgages made by Antonio Rosa to the Trustees under the will of William C. Lunatic, deceased, the first of which said mortgages is dated December 13, 1882, and recorded in the Registry of Conveyances in Honolulu, Oahu, in Liber 79, pages 208 and 209; and the second dated May 17, 1884, and recorded in said Registry in Liber 88, pages 186, 187 and 188, the mortgagees intend to foreclose said mortgages for breach of condition in them respectively contained, to wit: the non-payment of principal and interest.

Notice is also hereby given that all and singular the lands, tenements and hereditaments described in said mortgages, and which are the same as described in each of said mortgage respectively, will be sold at public auction, at the auction rooms of James F. Morgan, on Queen street in said Honolulu, on Saturday, the 27th day of November, A. D. 1897, at 12 o'clock noon.

The property described in said mortgages respectively are those three several parcels or tracts of land situated in Kalihi, District of Kona, Island of Oahu, and described as follows:

1. All that parcel of land known as Onaua, on the south side of Kalihi valley, being the land described as Apana 8 in Land Commission Award 6450, to Kaunohoua no Moehoua, containing an area of 81 acres more or less.

2. All that parcel of land known as Kokuuapala, on the north side of Kalihi valley, being the land described as Apana 9 in Land Commission Award 6450 to Kaunohoua no Moehoua, containing an area of 105 acres more or less.

3. All that parcel of land known as Pohakuwawaa at or near the head of Kalihi valley, being the land described as Apana 10 in Land Commission Award 6450 to Kaunohoua no Moehoua, containing an area of 325 acres more or less.

All of which parcels or tracts of land being the same as described in deed from D. K. Fyfe, the Commissioner, to sell the real estate of W. L. Moehoua, to said Antonio Rosa, dated December 13, 1882, and recorded in said Registry in Liber 79, pages 206, 207 and 208.

The above described tracts of land are adjacent to the city of Honolulu, and being well suited to the cultivation of coffee as well as other products, their sale will afford an exceptional opportunity for the purchase of such land within easy access from Honolulu.

Terms cash. Deeds at the expense of purchasers.
WILLIAM O. SMITH,
MARY S. PARKER,
HENRY WATERHOUSE,
Trustees under will of W. C. Lunatic, deceased.
Honolulu, October 16, 1897.

For further particulars inquire of William O. Smith, at his office, on Fort street, Honolulu.
4741-3t 1908-4w

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

The undersigned, duly appointed executor of the will of the late Francis Spencer, hereby gives notice to all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased, to present the same duly authenticated at her place of abode in Waima, South Kohala, Isl-

Pacific Mail Steamship Co.
Occidental & Oriental Steamship Co.

Steamers of the above companies will call at Honolulu and leave this port on or about the dates below mentioned.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO:

PERUOct. 22
COPTICOct. 30
RIO DE JANEIRONov. 9
GAELICNov. 19
DORICDec. 10
CHINADec. 19

FOR JAPAN AND CHINA:

CHINAOct. 28
BELGICNov. 6
COPTICNov. 25
RIO DE JANEIRODec. 4
CITY OF PEKINGDec. 25

For freight and passage and all general information, apply to

H. Hackfeld & Co.

—AGENTS.—

TIME TABLE

Wilder's Steamship Company

—1897—

S. S. KINAU,
CLARKE COMMANDER.

Will leave Honolulu at 10 o'clock a. m., touching at Lahaina, Maalea Bay and Makana the same day; Mahukona, Kawaihae and Laupahoehoe the following day, arriving at Honolulu the afternoon of Tuesday and Friday.

LEAVE HONOLULU.

FridayOct. 22 FridayDec. 3
TuesdayNov. 2 TuesdayDec. 14
FridayNov. 12 ThursdayDec. 23
TuesdayNov. 23

Will call at Pohniki, Puna, on trips marked *.
Returning, will leave Hilo at 8 o'clock a. m., touching at Laupahoehoe, Mahukona and Kawaihae same day; Maalea Bay and Lahaina the following day, arriving at Honolulu the afternoon of Tuesday and Friday.

ARRIVE HONOLULU.

TuesdayOct. 19 TuesdayNov. 30
FridayOct. 29 FridayDec. 10
TuesdayNov. 9 TuesdayDec. 21
FridayNov. 19 FridayDec. 31

Will call at Pohniki, Puna, on the second trip of each month, arriving there on the morning of the day of sailing from Hilo to Honolulu.
The popular route to the volcano is via Hilo. A good carriage road the entire distance.
Round-trip tickets, covering all expenses, \$20.

S. S. HELENE,

FREEMAN, COMMANDER.

Will leave Honolulu Tuesdays at 6 o'clock p. m., touching at Kahului, Hana, Hamoa and Kilauea, Maui. Returning, arrives at Honolulu Sunday mornings.

Will call at Nuu, Kaupo, once each month.

No freight will be received after 4 p. m. on day of sailing.
This company reserves the right to make changes in the time of departure and arrival of its steamers WITHOUT NOTICE, and it will not be responsible for any consequences arising therefrom. Consignees must be at the landings to receive their freight. This company will not hold itself responsible for freight after it has been landed.
Live stock received only at owner's risk.

This company will not be responsible for money or valuables of passengers unless placed in the care of purser. Passengers are requested to purchase tickets before embarking. Those failing to do so will be subject to an additional charge of twenty-five per cent.

C. L. WRIGHT, President.
S. B. ROSE, Secretary.
CAPT. J. A. KING, Port Superintendent.

FOREIGN MAIL SERVICE.

Steamships will leave for and arrive from San Francisco or Vancouver on or about the following dates in 1897:

ARRIVE	LEAVE
from San Francisco or Vancouver	For San Francisco or Vancouver
MoanaOct. 21	AustraliaOct. 20
MloweraOct. 26	PeruOct. 22
ChinaOct. 28	CopticOct. 30
BelgieNov. 6	WarrimooNov. 5
AustraliaNov. 9	R. JaneiroNov. 9
JamaicaNov. 18	MariposaNov. 11
WarrimooNov. 23	AustraliaNov. 17
CopticNov. 25	GalleNov. 19
R. JaneiroDec. 4	AorangiNov. 26
AustraliaDec. 7	MoanaDec. 9
MariposaDec. 16	DoricDec. 10
AorangiDec. 21	AustraliaDec. 15
PekingDec. 25	ChinaDec. 19
.....	MloweraDec. 24

CHAS. BREWER & CO.'S
New York Line.

The Bark FOONGH SUEY will sail from New York for Honolulu ON OR ABOUT DECEMBER 1ST. If sufficient inducement offers. Advances made on shipments on liberal terms. For further particulars, address Messrs. CHAS. BREWER & CO., 27 Killy Street, Boston, or C. BREWER & CO. Ltd., Honolulu Agents.

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STAMPS

AT THE GAZETTE OFFICE.